

IOWA BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS PRESS RELEASE

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Recently, the Iowa Board of Medical Examiners took the following action:

Vasu D. Arora, M.D., a 67 year-old physician formerly from Virginia, was the subject of a Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Decision and Order issued by the Board. A hearing was held before the Board on June 28, 2001. The Board revoked Dr. Arora's Iowa medical license. Dr. Arora was charged with being disciplined by the State of Virginia for professional incompetency and engaging in unprofessional and illegal conduct. Dr. Arora has not practiced in Iowa for some time.

Thomas E. Bergstrom, M.D., a 54 year-old physician practicing in Winterset, Iowa, was the subject of a Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Decision and Order issued by the Board. Dr. Bergstrom was charged with inappropriately prescribing controlled substances to immediate family members and addiction to the use of drugs. A hearing was held before the Board on June 28, 2001. The Board found evidence that Dr. Bergstrom inappropriately treated immediate family members. The Board was unable to conclude that Dr. Bergstrom was currently abusing drugs but had concerns that he was at risk of abuse. The Board's decision permanently prohibits Dr. Bergstrom from providing medical care to immediate family members, places his Iowa medical license on probation for a period of three years and requires that he pay a \$1,000 civil penalty.

Horst G. Blume, M.D., a 75 year-old physician from Sioux City, Iowa, voluntarily surrendered his Iowa medical license, effective August 1, 2001, to resolve a pending disciplinary investigation. The Board was investigating Dr. Blume's compliance with a disciplinary order.

Robin L. Wulffson, M.D., a physician formerly from Sacramento, California, was the subject of a Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Decision and Order issued by the Board. A hearing was held before the Board on June 27, 2001. The Board upheld the denial of Dr. Wulffson's application for a permanent Iowa medical license. The Board denied Dr. Wulffson's application for licensure on August 20, 1997 and Dr. Wulffson filed an appeal of the Board's decision. Dr. Wulffson has not practiced medicine in Iowa.